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Dear Colleagues,

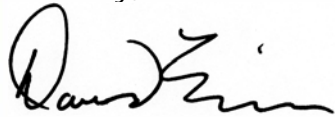
It is my pleasure to write to you as the Corporation for National and Community Service commemorates *10 Years Serving America*. This year, we honor the millions of people who have served their communities and rededicate ourselves to our vital mission of service to America.

Ten years ago, when the Corporation was established, it brought together Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America. Combined, these three programs represent more than 150 years of America's investment in volunteerism and service. During the past decade, the Corporation and its programs have created meaningful ways for millions of Americans of all ages and backgrounds to serve their communities and country. Working through thousands of charitable organizations, schools, and other local institutions, these volunteers and members have helped improve the lives of children and youth, bridge the digital divide, secure our homeland, protect the environment, and help low-income families alleviate poverty.

This 10-year milestone is an opportune time to reinforce the purpose and potential of all national and community service programs and we would like to encourage you and your programs to participate. Enclosed you will find a toolkit filled with ideas about how you can commemorate *10 Years Serving America*, as well as step-by-step instructions and advice. We know that your days are filled with serving the needs of your program and your community. The toolkit is designed to provide you with simple ideas for you to commemorate 10 years of service and to strengthen your existing events and activities.

I hope that you will find the toolkit useful and I look forward to commemorating the anniversary of the Corporation for National and Community Service with you in the coming months. National service has a bright future in the United States of America and it is through your dedication and hard work that we will inspire a new generation of individuals to a lifetime of active citizenship.

Sincerely,



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CEO, Corporation for National and Community Service